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1. ECONADS HELD PRODUCTIVE REVIEW OF GDR, HUNGARIAN AND CZECHOSLAVAK ECONOMIES OAT JULY 10 AND 11 SESSIONS. CANADA, DENMARK, GERMANY, FRANCE, GREECE, NETHERLANDS, UK,AND US FIELDDED EXPERTS. AS NOTED REF B, OFFICERS CAME FROM US, CANADIAN AND UK EMBASSIES IN PRAGUE, WHILE CANADIAN EMBASSY WARSAW OFFICIER (WHO FOLLOW GDR ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN ABSENCE OF CANADIAN REPRESENTATION IN EAST BERLIN) ALSO CAME.

2. AUTHOR OF GERMAN PAPER, LEIK, FEDERAL INTELLIGENCE SERVICE, AND FRENCH PAPER, G. SOKOLOFF OF GEPI(INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC FORECAST GROUP, MISISTRY OF FINANCE) COPED WITH QUESTIONS COMPETENTLY,
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AS DID UK TRIUMVERATE-GEORGE OF EMBASSY PRAGUE, AND MESDAMES FORSTER AND BENDALL OF DEFENSE INTELLIGENCE STAFF. FARRAND F AMEMBASSY PRAGUE MADE EXTREMELY USEFUL CONTRIBUTIONS TO DEBATE ON ALL THREE COUNTRIES, UNDERLINING, FOR CZECHOSLOVAKDIA,

POLITICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL FACTORS WHICH AFFECT ECONOMIC SITUATION. INTERESTINGLY, GERMAN EXPERT PETERS, OF MINISTRY OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS, BONN, NOTED THAT IF OFFICER FROM FRG REPRESENTATION IS EAST BERLIN HAD COME, THE FRG'S BUDAPEST OR PRAGUE EMBASSIES WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN ABLE TO SEND ANYONE IN ORDER TO UNDERSCORE FACT THAT EAST BERLIN OFFICE IS NOT RPT NOT A DIPLOMATIC MISSION. IN THE END, NO ONE CAME FROM BUDAPEST, PRAGUE OR EAST BERLIN.

3. WE WERE ABLE TO MAKE GOOD USE OF REFS C AND D DURING DISCUSSIONS, AND APPRECIATE HAVING RECEIVED THEM. SEPTTEL DEALS WITH PROPOSED 1976 SCHEDULE FOR SOV/EE COUNTRY REVIEWS BY ECONADS AND WE HOPE THIS WILL BE USEFUL FOR FUTURE PLANNING TO FACILITATE ATTENDANCE BY POST REPRESENTATIVE.

4. WHEN AVAILABLE, WE WILL POUCH ECONOMIC DIRECTORATE'S REPORT OF THESE MEETINGS TO WASHINGTON AND INTERESTED POSTS.
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